cleared by 31.12.91 (except for City Exchange area which is likely to be cleared by 31.03.92).

As per the draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97), it is proposed to add 11,3 lakh lines of switching capacity and provide 9.5 lakh new telephone connections in Bombay. The present waiting list is expected tO be cleared progressively during the plan period.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Low Power Doordarshan Relay Center at Pilibhit

4116. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a). whether the Government propose to convert the low power Doordarshan relay centre at Philibhit in Uttar Pradesh into a high power relay centre;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) TV service in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh is expected to be considerably strengthened with the commissioning of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Bareilly.

[*English*]

Electronic Exchanges in West Bengal

4117. SHR RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges, particularly Chinsura Telephone Exchange in Highly district in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be converted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). (i) There are 32 telephone exchanges in Hooghly district out of which four are already electronic exchanges 23 telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic, exchanges progressively during 1992–95 as per the policy of the Department.

(ii) 3 telephone exchanges will be converted intc electronic exchanges as and when these become due on expiry of their useful life.

(iii) Automatic electro-mechanical exchange has recently been installed at Tarakeshwar and therefore, there is no plan for its conversion into an electronic exchange in near futuer.

(iv) Existing automatic electro-mechanical exchange at Chinsura has been planned for replacement by an electronic exchange during 1992–93.

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance to Madhya Pradesh

4118. SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI ARVIND NETAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: